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RANK/NAME OF UNIT COMMANDER (First, Middle Initial, Last)/COMMANDER'S TELEPHONE (DSN & Commercial)

Colonel Michael G. Cosby/DSN: 455-6011/(609) 645-6011

SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS (Use single-spaced, bullet format)

Complying with NEPA and Other Environmental Directives

- Cultural Properties Inventory developed for Warren Grove Range (WGR). Implemented NHPA

- Completed Final Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan at WGR.

- Continued implementation of Pinelands directed habitat preservation plan for Grasshopper Sparrow Implementing Required Environmental Protection Plans

- Implemented \$272K in Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan projects

- One of first ANG Bases to develop CAP/MAP. Reduced Compliance sites from 250 to 198

Integrating Environmental Protection Policies into Installation Decision Making

- Implemented IEMS, an automatic electronic routing of all projects through environmental
- Active EPC. Subcommittees for SWPP, Spill Prevention, Envl Training and Hazmat Management Base developed contractor guide integrates env concerns in the design & mgmt of all construction

Eliminating Environmental Violations/Identifying and Correcting Program Deficiencies

- Eight NJDEP enforcement inspections (Hazardous Waste, Air, spill prevention (2), storm water (2), SDWA(2)). Only positive comments received

- External ESOHCAMP, April 2002. 6 Environmental Findings, 5 closed before end of inspection

Cleaning up Contaminated Sites

- Expedient in-house clean up of Jan 2002 F-16 Crash. NFA from NJDEP in 132 days. Removed 353 tons of contaminated soil from pristine Pinelands Forest. \$24 thousand under allotted funds

- Continued investigation of Warren Grove Range IRP sites. One NFA letter received from NJDEP

Minimizing Hazardous Waste/Pollution Prevention/Encourage Recycling

- Downgraded from Large Quantity to Small Quantity Generator. 93.8% HW reduction since 1993
- Since 9-11 base has activated 650 members, flown 43% more hours, and rotated 3-55 man teams from other units; while decreasing HW 33% from FY2000 and only increasing 6% from FY2001
- Implemented innovative sorbent wringer and recycling program. Recycled 21,395 gallons of petroleum products and 4,750 lbs of absorbent pads in '02.

- Reduced Air Permits from 56 to 27

- Pharmacy reduced HM purchases by 14% this Fiscal Year

Enhancing the Environment

- Herbaceous species introduction at 1.5 acre helicopter landing zone at WGR. University study of Pinelands succession.
- Supported innovative program to identify and enhance floristic diversity at WGR includes research agreements with Drexel University & U.S. Department of Agriculture. Discovered large populations of state Threatened and Endagered Species

Establishing Good Working Relationships with Other Agencies and the Community

- Base received State recognition for acceptance into selective "Silver Track" program. NJDEP provides single POC and public recognition. Approved compliance and community affairs plans

- Presented environmental plan to Stafford Township Council public meeting, well received

- Cooperative hazard reduction program with New Jersey Forest Fire Service ensures that the control burns properly restore Federal Government property to the natural ecological regime. Recognized as model program by Pinelands Commission and The Nature Conservatory

Conducting Environmental Training and Awareness Programs

- Hosted Joint Field trip of the Washington and Philadelphia Botanical Society

- Supported Pinelands ecology class from Drexel University with on site field work at WG Range
- Multiple positive press stories about Wing environmental program in local print (Atlantic City Press, Mainland Journal) and television (NBC affiliate, Channel 40); and NJDMAVA newsletter
- Earth Week. In '01 and '02, base had 600 Stafford Twp 6th graders at WGR learning about Fire Ecology, Pygmy Pines, and other local vegetation. Effort was coordinated with NJ Forest Service